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REMARKS

Applicant has now amended this application in response to the office action. First, the Koering reference does not meet the claims. The examiner is not allowed to take the position that a claimed apparatus feature is "a design choice" or as a "matter of obvious engineering choice." If the examiner maintains this rejection, some prior art support must be provided. In fact, Koering cannot meet the claims as amended at any rate. The holes in Koering are formed in the "cover" 9, and not in the element 7 that the examiner alleges meets the "mounting flange" limitations. Also, the holes in the mounting flange are claimed as being covered by a cover. Simply, Koering cannot be interpreted to meet the claims as amended.

Allowance of all claims is in order.

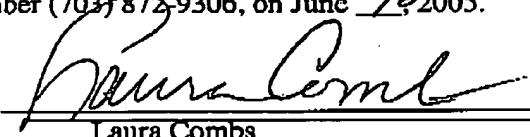
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